

Community Services Department

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting June 17, 2020

- Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 4:01 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Gonzales, Greenberg, Nigel, and Zamattia. Commissioners Excused: Koshafa, Martinucci, Melendrez, and Zastrow. Staff Present: Brewer, Grogan, Venezia, and Wallace.
- 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA: MSC Gonzales/Greenberg.
- 3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Minutes from May 11, 2020 were accepted. 5-0-4.
- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR: None.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Receive Presentation Regarding City Council Action on Florida Park. City Manager Jovan Grogan stated that Tim Wallace will be the Acting Community Services Director and Audree Jones-Taylor will be a consultant and project manager for the department. Due to Covid-19 and structural instability in the City's revenue and expenditure portfolio, the City is facing an \$8.2 million deficit in the FY2020/2021 which is a significant shortfall. It is necessary to defund Florida Avenue Park Project to prevent further cuts this year. Audree is working on identifying additional grant funding.

The City Council has approved \$44,000 to finalize the design for the park so we have shovel ready plans. The design will be completed in a few months. The intention is to open the park up to the community as a grass area. The fence will be taken down, irrigation installed, and the area seeded. The work will be done primarily with City staff.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Recommend to City Council the Relocation of the Memorial Recognition Sculpture in City Park.

Superintendent Brewer presented the memorial sculpture relocation that is needed before demolition starts for the new recreation center. The Culture and Arts Commission has approved the funding from the Art Fund. The Parks and Recreation Commission would need to recommend the move. The next step would be approval from City Council and appropriation of the money. **MSC Nigel/Gonzales**.

- 8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.
- 9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** None.
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT**: With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.